

**Introduced by Senator Padilla**

February 23, 2012

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An act to amend Sections 14070 and 14070.2 of the Government Code, relating to transportation.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1225, as introduced, Padilla. Intercity rail agreements.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation to contract with Amtrak for intercity rail passenger services and provides funding for these services from the Public Transportation Account. Existing law, until December 31, 1996, authorized the department, subject to approval of the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing, to enter into an interagency transfer agreement under which a joint powers board assumes responsibility for administering the state-funded intercity rail service in a particular corridor. Existing law, with respect to a transferred corridor, requires the board to demonstrate the ability to meet performance standards established by the secretary.

This bill, until December 31, 2013, would authorize the department and a joint powers board established for the purpose of assuming responsibility for the Pacific Surfliner intercity rail corridor to enter into an agreement under similar terms and conditions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 14070 of the Government Code is  
2     amended to read:

1 14070. As used in this article, the following terms have the  
2 following meanings:

3 (a) (1) “Board” or “joint powers board” means the governing  
4 board of a joint exercise of powers agency established pursuant to  
5 Article 5.2 (commencing with Section 14072), Article 5.4  
6 (commencing with Section 14074), or Article 5.6 (commencing  
7 with Section 14076) for the purpose of assuming administrative  
8 responsibility for intercity passenger rail service within the  
9 respective corridor.

10 (2) “Board” or “joint powers board” also means the governing  
11 board of a joint exercise of powers agency established for the  
12 purpose of assuming administrative responsibility for intercity  
13 passenger rail service within the Pacific Surfliner corridor.

14 (b) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Business,  
15 Transportation and Housing Agency or successor agency.

16 SEC. 2. Section 14070.2 of the Government Code is amended  
17 to read:

18 14070.2. (a) If authorized by the secretary, the department  
19 may, through an interagency agreement, transfer to a joint powers  
20 board, and the board may assume, all responsibility for  
21 administering passenger rail service in the a corridor. Upon the  
22 date specified in the agreement, the board shall succeed to the  
23 department’s powers and duties relative to that service, except that  
24 the department shall retain responsibility for developing budget  
25 requests for the service through the state budget process, which  
26 shall be developed in consultation with the board, and for  
27 coordinating service in the corridor with other passenger rail  
28 services in the state.

29 (b) ~~The~~ (1) *Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), the*  
30 *interagency agreement shall be executed on or before December*  
31 *31, 1996.*

32 (2) *With respect to the Pacific Surfliner corridor, the interagency*  
33 *agreement shall be executed on or before December 31, 2013.*

34 (c) The secretary shall require the board to demonstrate the  
35 ability to meet the performance standards established by the  
36 secretary pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 14031.8.